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## An International Peace Congress for San Francisco.

October 10, 11, 12.

It has been thought wise to make the Fifth American Peace Congress, called to meet at San Francisco October 10, 11, 12, an International Peace Congress. The American Peace Society, the Church Peace Union, the League to Enforce Peace, and the American Peace Centenary Committee have already offered their support to the congress. It is proposed to invite labor unions, socialist societies, churches and religious societies, business men's organizations, chambers of commerce, colleges and universities, women's clubs, and State and National governments to send delegates. Those interested in promoting this

important gathering are urgently invited to aid by contributions, large or small. It is asked that all checks be made out to the treasurer, Captain Robert Dollar, and addressed to either of the secretaries, Mr. H. H. Bell or Robert C. Root, The Tabernacle, Van Ness avenue and Bush street, San Francisco, Cal. Further information and literature can be obtained from the same source. THE ADVOCATE OF PEACE urges the importance of this opportunity for the various factions of the peace movement to confer and to unite.

## The Philadelphia Program.

Armaments are our sole protection from utter annihilation, and armaments lead us directly to war. Mr. Hamilton Holt took this dilemma by the horns at the banquet in Philadelphia, June 16, and said: "How can we have the protection that armaments afford and at the same time disarm? \* \* \* First, there is the force of international police; \* \* \* second, the force of aggression; \* \* \* third, the force of defense, \* \* \* and the problem of the peace movement is how to reduce the force of aggression down to international police, because defense will automatically cease when offense ceases." The method of working out the problem presented by this conflict of ideas received serious consideration at the Philadelphia meeting June 17.

As explained by the president of Harvard University, the name "League of Peace" has implied for many minds a mere aspiration for peace, whereas the meeting at Independence Hall stood for something more. Indeed, it was finally voted to call the new organization "The League to Enforce Peace," to be known as the American branch, since it is hoped and expected that branches will be formed in other countries.

Extracts from various addresses, together with the resolutions adopted by the conference, appear elsewhere in this journal. They express the collective and nearly unanimous judgment of the confreres. Lasting but one day, however, the conference furnished no opportunity for adequate or satisfactory discussions; and yet, at the dinner Wednesday evening, at the Thursday morning session, at the luncheon at the Strawbridge home, and at the brief afternoon session, there was one unifying sentiment, an evident interest in accomplishing an effective result.

The resolutions were objected to on the ground that they do not go far enough in the direction of interna-